

# Wellington Central Pastoral Area

Sacred Heart Parish, Thorndon

Otari Parish

St Mary of the Angels Parish, CBD

4th Sunday of Advent

24 December 2017

## Christmas (by John Betjeman)

*No love that in a family dwells  
No caroling in frosty air,  
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells  
Can with this single Truth compare-  
That God was man in Palestine  
And lives today in Bread and Wine*



On behalf of the priests and staff in the Wellington Central Pastoral area, I wish you all a happy, holy and safe Christmas.

**Fr Ron**

## Sacred Heart Parish

### YOUR PARISH WEBSITE!

[WWW.MCSHWELLINGTON.ORG](http://WWW.MCSHWELLINGTON.ORG)

Are you interested in receiving this newsletter via email? You will be one of the first to get the latest Parish news and details of coming events and the Parish calendar.

You can sign up from your Parish Website: <http://mcshwellington.org/contact/subscribe-to-our-mailing-list/>

You will also find a lot of interesting material on the site, including Homilies by Cardinal John and Fr James.

### We also have a Smartphone App!

Get all the above and more all on your smartphone. <http://get.theapp.co/2d6c>



### There is a time for... - A great Christmas Gift

Have you got your copy of this visually captivating book? Images and design combine well with the printed word, encouraging the reader to see the relevance of prayer in any situation. A

book for personal reflection, a guide for the composition of prayer, and an ideal Christmas gift. Cost \$25. Edited by Fr James Lyons, all profit from There is a time for... will support the Cathedral Organ restoration and maintenance.

Available from the Cathedral foyer shop or by the Parish Office 496-1700 or [cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)



**Mary Snook**, a familiar face in Reception at the Catholic Centre, retired on 15 December. Mary has worked for the Archdiocese for 25 years, principally as secretary to the office of Vicar General, serving

with Monsignors John Carde, Owen Dolan and Gerard Burns.

Best wishes, Mary, and thank you for such faithful service.



**The Otari CWL** would like to thank the Otari parishioners and others for their very generous contributions towards our various causes throughout the year.

May you all have a happy, safe and healthy Christmas as we look towards 2018. Otari CWL Raffle winners are:-

Cake - Anne McIntyre:

Toilet bag - Metilda Morais-Snell.

Total money raised = \$230

## Otari Parish



### Cardinal McKeefry School

The end of year has been very busy with activities including: Room 2 and Nick Tansley singing favourite Christmas Carols to the residents at Spratt House, Room 5 singing at the Northland Community Christmas Carols, a whole school end of year picnic at Zealandia and Ben Burn Park. At the Leavers Assembly awards were given for the top 3 R's — Respect, Resilience and Responsibility along with the Cups for Excellence. A Leavers' Dinner celebrated the contribution the Year 8s and their families had made to the school and wished them well in their future at college.

### End of Year Liturgy

The end of year liturgy had the theme of the year 'Care for our Common Home' and gave the community the opportunity to reflect on Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si reminding us of our interconnectedness with the earth and with those around and ahead of us — those who depend on our good stewardship of the gift of creation. The opening song 'Be the Change' showed the students' conviction to be good caretakers of creation. It was a celebration of the uniqueness and beauty of nature and an opportunity to give thanks for all the gifts of creation.

### Farewell to Mary Ryan

Cardinal McKeefry have been blessed to have Mary Ryan as the DRS and Yrs 3 & 4 (and sometimes Yr 5) teacher for the past 20 years. On the last day of school a special assembly and morning tea was held to recognise and thank Mrs Ryan for her dedication, and loving service to Cardinal McKeefry School. It is no accident that the liturgies, school prayers, and Masses celebrated at the school and at St Thomas More Church have been such spiritual experiences. Mrs Ryan will be missed, especially by Room 5 and the staff. The school wishes her well in her retirement and are thrilled that she will be a reliever in 2018.

Cardinal McKeefry School would like to thank Father Ron, Father Sanele and the Otari Parish Community for their support during 2017. Your support through the Side by Side Mentoring initiative and many of our fundraisers you have contributed to is very much appreciated.



Happy Birthday to our parishioner Margaret West who celebrated a significant birthday this week!



### Thankyou from St Vincent de Paul

"I just want to say a huge thank you for all the Christmas goodies, food bank supplies and New World Gift cards which we have just received this afternoon.

This donation will certainly be a big help for those in need especially this time of year.

*Merry Christmas from Vinnies."*



This year Pope Francis declared the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as World Day of the Poor. In the inaugural message, *Let us love, not with words but with deeds*, His Holiness asks us to encounter the poor, meet their gaze and give – not just alms but also ourselves. We must, "acknowledge the value of poverty in itself".

We recognise the many ways in which one can be poor (i.e. in heart, spirit, community, and material possessions). We each rely on God and on others to help meet our own form of poverty.

This year we have seen suffering occurring globally, be it the continued climate induced migration of the Carteret Islanders or the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya people in Myanmar, and the many struggles they face even after fleeing their homes. We are very thankful for your ongoing support throughout the year which helps us serve poor and marginalised communities.

Your support makes our work with the poor possible. Thank you.

This Advent let us recall the greatest gift of all and let it inspire us through the gift of encounter.

**"If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor..."**

### **– Pope Francis**

May the peace of Christ be with you throughout Advent and the holiday season,

Julianne Hickey Director, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand



THE CARDINAL'S  
CARE CAMPAIGN 2017

### Cardinal's Care Appeal 2017

The Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Wellington is very diverse, encompassing a wide range of ethnic groups and areas of

mission including parishes, schools and social services. Much of the mission of the Church is unknown, with many quietly working within their communities to bring Christ mercy and healing to those around them.

Our Synod was a call for each of us to return to the source. Through prayer and reflection, Catholics discerned together the inspirations of the Holy Spirit while exploring 13 topics. As a result, 96 proposals were gathered at the conclusion of the weekend. These inspirational proposals cannot stop here.

This year the Archbishop's Advent Appeal has been rebranded as the Cardinal's Care Appeal. Gifts to the 2017 Care Appeal will

1. Provide food, housing, counselling, security and support to countless men, women and children who need our help through Church agencies, and
2. launch critical initiatives that have arisen from the 2017 Synod.

Funds directed to support Synod initiatives are distributed through a grants process that will boost organisations, ministries and individuals that serve our Church and strengthen our community.

In the New Year, Parishes, Schools and Catholic Organisations throughout the Archdiocese are invited to apply for grants of \$500-\$5,000. David Powick from the Archdiocesan Development Office will send you information when applications are open.

The Archdiocese will only distribute grants to initiatives that align with the teachings of the Church. A full report of distributed grants will be made available in 2018 and published in Welcom.



### Holiday Opening Hours at Our Lady's Home of Compassion.

The Home of Compassion will be open during the Holiday Season. If you haven't already been to see the Heritage Centre, Chapel and Resting Place of Suzanne Aubert, it is an excellent opportunity to visit these beautiful spaces.

Saturday 23 December – Tuesday 26 December  
- closed

Wednesday 27 December – Saturday 30 December  
open 10am-3pm

Sunday 31 December – Tuesday 2 January  
- closed

Wednesday 3 January – Saturday 6 January  
open 10am-3pm

Sunday 7 January – open 12 noon-3pm

## Sacred Heart Parish

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[www.mcshwellington.org](http://www.mcshwellington.org)

**Eucharist Times:** Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 10.30am, 7pm  
Monday to Friday Mass or Liturgy of The Word with Holy  
Communion: 8am, 12.10pm  
Saturday 8.30am in Cathedral Chapel

**Reconciliation:** before 12.10pm Mass (Mon - Fri); after Sat  
MASS (Reconciliation may not be available before a Liturgy of The Word)

**Baptism:** By Appointment

**Parish Priest:** Fr James Lyons  
**Lay Pastoral Leader:** Fiona Rammell  
**Director of Music:** Michael Fletcher  
**Secretary :** Frank Doherty 8.30am- 4pm (Mon-Fri)  
[cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cathedral.parish@wn.catholic.org.nz)  
**Parish office:** Catholic Centre, 22 Hill St  
**Hall Bookings:** Frank Doherty Ph: 496 1700  
**Parish Council Chair:** Nicholas Burley  
**Sacred Heart Cathedral School:** Guildford Tce, Thorndon  
**Principal:** Bernadette Murfitt Ph: 472 4047

*Deadline for newsletter material is midday Wed.*

## Otari Parish

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[www.otariparish.co.nz](http://www.otariparish.co.nz)

**St Teresa's Church,** 301 Karori Rd, Karori.

**Mass Times:** Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 10.00am  
Weekdays: Tuesday - Friday 9.30am; Wednesdays and Fridays  
6.30am . Saturday 9am  
Exposition: 1st Friday of the month.

**St Thomas More Church,** 30a Worcester St, Wilton.

**Mass Times:** Sunday 8.30am  
**Reconciliation and Baptism:** by appointment

**Parish Priest :** Fr Ron Bennett  
[rbennett@actrix.gen.nz](mailto:rbennett@actrix.gen.nz) Ph 021 065 8997  
**Priest in residence :** Fr Sanele Finau  
[frsanele@gmail.com](mailto:frsanele@gmail.com)  
**Administration :** [office@otariparish.co.nz](mailto:office@otariparish.co.nz)  
**Parish Council Chair:** Erwin Palado  
**St Teresa's Hall Bookings :** Mira Ph: 476 2851  
**St Thomas More Lounge Bookings :** refer to website  
**St Teresa's School** 299 Karori Rd, Karori  
**Principal:** Mary-Angela Tombs Ph: 939 1725  
**DRS:** Ingrid Jacobs  
**Cardinal McKeefry School** 166 Albemarle Rd, Wilton  
**Principal:** Tania Savage Ph: 475 3262  
[principal@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz](mailto:principal@cardinalmckeefry.school.nz)  
**DRS:** Mary Ryan

## St Mary of the Angels Parish

17 Boulcott Street, Wellington.  
Ph: 473 8074 Fax: 04 473 8066

[www.smoa.org.nz](http://www.smoa.org.nz)

**Parish Priest:** Fr Barry Scannell sm  
**Assistant Priests:** Fr Kevin Conroy sm, Fr Joe Savesi sm,  
Fr John Allardyce sm,  
**Pastoral Worker:** Sr Frances Gibbs

**Mass Times:** Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm  
**Monday - Thursday**  
Exposition: 6.45am – 7.30am  
Mass: 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm  
Reconciliation: 11.30am - 12pm, 12.30pm – 1pm, 4.30pm – 5pm

**Friday**  
**Exposition:** 6.45am – 7.30am, 11am – 12pm  
**Mass:** 7.30am, 12.05pm, 5.15pm  
**Reconciliation:** 11.30am - 12pm, 12.30pm – 1pm, 4.30pm – 5pm  
**Saturday**  
Reconciliation: 10.30am - 11am, 4pm - 5pm  
Mass: 11am



### Pope Francis quote on 1st Dec in his address to the Roman Curia

‘May this Christmas open our eyes so that we can abandon what is superfluous, false, malicious and sham, and to see what is essential, true, good and authentic’.

### Please pray for

Robert Bond (24 Dec)

Rebecca Franklin (24 Dec)

Kasper, Rosa, Felix, Pia and  
Marcel Zelinder

Bruno Keller

### Readings for the



### Week

### Readings for the Week 25 Dec to 31 December

Monday **Christmas Day:**

**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-5

**Midnight:** Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14;

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20;

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: St Stephen Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40